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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

**WT 11-65: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for
Consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As the President of Delawareans for Environmental and Economic Development (DEED), I am more than willing to speak about the ways the new AT&T will benefit citizens of Delaware. Should you approve of this T-Mobile merger, the combined force of the two companies will provide significant economic and environmental advantages that will endure for years to come.

It is important to realize that as a result of this merger, almost the entire country—more than 97%— will have a connection to high-speed, wireless broadband service . That is a significant increase in the number of people who will be able to access this vital technological advancement. In fact, about 55 million additional people will be covered if the merger is ultimately approved. These figures are what will have the greatest impact on residents in Delaware and elsewhere in the United States, should you allow the merger to take place.

Small businesses stand to benefit the most from this merger. Small businesses are, perhaps, the biggest job creators and drivers of the economy in this day and age. These entrepreneurs and businesses are the ones that are using their mobile devices and broadband to connect and market themselves. Following the merger, they will have limitless benefits and opportunities to reach out and generate revenue.

Expanded broadband connectivity will also do good things for our environment. By allowing American workers to telecommute or video conference instead of wasting time and

resources, our American businesses will become more efficient and environmentally friendly. This is just one of the many ways that the merger will expand bandwidth to meet the coming demand and ultimately benefit our businesses and our planet.

At DEED we believe that economic development and environmental stewardship do not have to remain mutually exclusive. This merger is a superb opportunity to showcase the FCC's commitment to enacting policies that will bolster the American economy and propagate the pledge of sustainable practices.

Please carefully consider this important economic and environmental issue as well as the points that I have outlined here for you. I anxiously await the day when the FCC will come out in support of this business marriage and the many benefits it will bestow on the American people.

Feel free to contact me at any time if you would like to learn more about DEED and the ways we can proliferate economic growth as well as environmental protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Richard Heffron', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. Richard Heffron
President

About us:

Delawareans for Environmental and Economic Development (DEED) is a unique coalition of Delaware labor and business leaders. What we have in common is our belief that economic growth and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive. DEED is committed to support balanced public policies that expand the tax base and create private sector jobs that enhance our environment.